



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6540

LCO No. 3723

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION EYE DROP REFILLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2010*) (a) As used in this
2 section, "health insurance policy" means any individual health
3 insurance policy or benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery,
4 renewed, amended or continued in this state by an insurer, health care
5 center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation,
6 fraternal benefit society or governmental entity that provides medical
7 benefits to Medicaid, HUSKY Plan, Charter Oak Plan, ConnPACE or
8 state-administered assistance recipients.

9 (b) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
10 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section
11 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, amended,
12 renewed or continued in this state on or after January 1, 2010, that
13 provides coverage for prescription eye drops, shall not deny coverage
14 for a renewal of prescription eye drops (1) when the renewal is
15 requested by the insured less than thirty days from the later of (A) the
16 date the original prescription was distributed to the insured, or (B) the

17 date the last renewal of such prescription was distributed to the
 18 insured, and (2) when the prescribing physician indicates on the
 19 original prescription that additional quantities are needed and the
 20 renewal requested by the insured does not exceed the number of
 21 additional quantities needed.

22 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2010*) (a) As used in this section,
 23 "health insurance policy" means any individual health insurance policy
 24 or benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, renewed,
 25 amended or continued in this state by an insurer, health care center,
 26 hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, fraternal
 27 benefit society or governmental entity that provides medical benefits
 28 to Medicaid, HUSKY Plan, Charter Oak Plan, ConnPACE or state-
 29 administered assistance recipients.

30 (b) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
 31 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
 32 469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, amended,
 33 renewed or continued in this state on or after January 1, 2010, that
 34 provides coverage for prescription eye drops, shall not deny coverage
 35 for a renewal of prescription eye drops (1) when the renewal is
 36 requested by the insured less than thirty days from the later of (A) the
 37 date the original prescription was distributed to the insured, or (B) the
 38 date the last renewal of such prescription was distributed to the
 39 insured, and (2) when the prescribing physician indicates on the
 40 original prescription that additional quantities are needed and the
 41 renewal requested by the insured does not exceed the number of
 42 additional quantities needed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide coverage under health insurance plans to patients needing refills of prescription eye drops in less than thirty days.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]